GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PULSE POLIO
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the immunization and pulse polio programme launched by the Government so far;

(b) the districts covered under the above programme as on date;

(c) whether the Government have set up a target to achieve `zero incidence of polio` cases;

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction; and

(e) the time by which the target is likely to be achieved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (e): India has accepted the World Health Organization`s goal of Zero Incidence of Polio in this country by 2002.In order to achieve this goal, the Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization Programme, covering the entire country, was launched in 1995.This programme will continue till the goal is achieved. The number of polio cases has declined from 1934 in 1998, to 1126 in 1999, 265 in 2000 and 161 (as on Nov. 17, 2001). All necessary measures are being taken to achieve the goal of zero incidence of polio in the country by 2002.